

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method ~~for adding a network station client to an ongoing conference call, said method~~ comprising:

extending a persistent invitation to a first network station client to join a an ongoing conference call in response to a determination that the first network station client is unavailable to accept a non-persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call, wherein said extending comprises, issuing directing a token generator to issue a token to the first network station client; ~~in response to user input to a second network station client; and~~
detecting an activation of said token by said first network station client; and
adding the first network station client to the ongoing conference call in response to said detecting ~~when the first network station client accepts the persistent invitation to join the conference call utilizing said token.~~

2. **(Canceled)**

3. **(Currently Amended)** The method of Claim 1, wherein said extending a ~~persistent invitation to a first network station client to join a conference call in response to a determination that the first network station client is unavailable to accept a non-persistent invitation to join the conference call~~ further comprises includes:

receiving a message indicating that the first network station client is busy.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said extending a persistent invitation to a first network station client to join a conference call in response to a determination that the first network station client is unavailable to accept a non-persistent invitation to join the conference call further comprises includes:

determining that the first network station client is not responding to the non-persistent invitation to join the conference call within a specified time period.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said token comprises: extending a persistent invitation to a first network station client to join a conference call in response to a determination that the first network station client is unavailable to accept a non-persistent invitation to join the conference call further includes:

sending to the first network station client a token having at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 5, wherein said sending to the first network station client a token having at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field further comprises includes:

sending to the first network station client a reference used to retrieve state data where such state data functions as at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.

7. **(Currently Amended)** The method of Claim 1, wherein said detecting ~~adding the first network station client to the conference call when the first network station client accepts the persistent invitation to join the conference call further includes~~ comprises:

detecting that the first network station client has returned a said token to a token processor in indication that the first network station client has accepted the persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call.

8. **(Currently Amended)** The method of Claim 1, further comprising: withdrawing the persistent invitation upon termination of the conference call wherein said withdrawing comprises releasing said token at said first network station client.

9. **(Currently Amended)** The method of Claim 8, wherein ~~said withdrawing the persistent invitation upon termination of the conference call further comprises includes:~~ notifying the first network station client that the conference call has been terminated, and said releasing comprises releasing said token at said first network station client in response to said notifying.

10. **(Currently Amended)** The method of Claim 9, wherein said notifying ~~the first network station client that the conference call has been terminated further includes~~ comprises:

~~a multipoint controller~~ notifying the first network station client that the conference call has been terminated using a multipoint controller.

11. **(Currently Amended)** ~~A system for adding a network station client to an ongoing conference call, said system~~ comprising:

means for extending a persistent invitation to a first network station client to join an ongoing conference call in response to a determination that the first network station client is unavailable to accept a non-persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call, wherein said means for extending comprises,

means for issuing ~~directing a token generator to issue~~ a token to the first network station client ~~in response to user input to a second network station client~~; and

means for detecting an activation of said token by said first network station client;
and

means for adding the first network station client to the ongoing conference call in response to said activation~~when the first network station client accepts the persistent invitation to join the conference call utilizing said token.~~

12. **(Canceled)**

13. **(Currently Amended)** The system of Claim 11, wherein said means for extending ~~a persistent invitation to a first network station client to join a conference call in response to a determination that the first network station client is unavailable to accept a non-persistent invitation to join the conference call~~ further includes comprises:

means for receiving a message indicating that the first network station client is busy.

14. **(Currently Amended)** The system of Claim 11, wherein said means for extending ~~a persistent invitation to a first network station client to join a conference call in response to a determination that the first network station client is unavailable to accept a non-persistent invitation to join the conference call~~ further includes comprises:

means for determining that the first network station client is not responding to the non-persistent invitation to join the conference call within a specified time period.

15. **(Currently Amended)** The system of Claim 11, wherein said token means for ~~extending a persistent invitation to a first network station client to join a conference call in response to a determination that the first network station client is unavailable to accept a non-persistent invitation to join the conference call further~~ includes: comprises

~~means for sending to the first network station client a token having at least one~~
field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.

16. **(Currently Amended)** The system of Claim 15, wherein ~~said means for sending to the first network station client a token having at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field further~~ comprises includes:

~~means for sending to the first network station client a reference used to retrieve~~
state data where such state data functions as at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.

17. **(Currently Amended)** The system of Claim 11, wherein said means for detecting ~~adding the first network station client to the conference call when the first network station client accepts the persistent invitation to join the conference call further~~ includes comprises:

means for detecting that the first network station client has returned a said token to a token processor in indication that the first network station client has accepted the persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 11, further comprising:
means for withdrawing the persistent invitation upon termination of the
conference call, wherein said means for withdrawing comprises
means for releasing said token at said first network station client.
19. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 18, wherein
said means for withdrawing ~~the persistent invitation upon termination of the~~
~~conference call~~ further comprises includes:
means for notifying the first network station client that the conference call
has been terminated, and
said means for releasing comprises means for releasing said token at said first
network station client in response to said notifying.
20. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 19, wherein said means for
notifying ~~the first network station client that the conference call has been terminated~~
~~further includes:~~ comprises means for a multipoint controller ~~notifying the first network~~
~~station client that the conference call has been terminated.~~
21. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 18, further comprising:
signal bearing media bearing
said means for extending ~~a persistent invitation to a first network station client to~~
~~join a conference call in response to a determination that the first network~~
~~station client is unavailable to accept a non-persistent invitation to join the~~
~~conference call,~~
said means for detecting,
said means for adding ~~the first network station client to the conference call when~~
~~the first network station client accepts the persistent invitation to join the~~
~~conference call,~~ and
said means for withdrawing ~~the persistent invitation upon termination of the~~
~~conference call.~~

22. **(Original)** The system of Claim 21, wherein said signal bearing media further comprises:
recordable media.

23. **(Original)** The system of Claim 21, wherein said signal bearing media further comprises:
transmission media.

24. **(Currently Amended)** A method ~~for accepting an invitation to join an ongoing conference call, said method comprising:~~
receiving at an initially unavailable network station client a persistent invitation to join an ongoing conference call, wherein said receiving comprises,
receiving a token indicative of a said persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call at said initially unavailable network station client; and
~~presenting an alert that the persistent invitation to join the conference call has been received, in response to the token ; and~~
activating the token ~~accepting the persistent invitation to join the conference call~~
in response to user input to a network station client selected from the group comprising the initially unavailable network station client and another network station client; and where the user has been authenticated
adding the network station client to the ongoing conference call in response to said activating.

25. **(Currently Amended)** The method of Claim 24, wherein said ~~receiving a token indicative of a persistent invitation to join the conference call~~ comprises:
~~receiving a token indicative of a persistent invitation to join the conference call, the token having~~ at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 25, wherein said ~~receiving a~~ token further comprises: indicative of a persistent invitation to join the conference call, the token ~~having at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field further includes:~~

~~receiving a~~ reference used to retrieve state data where such state data functions as at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 25, further comprising: presenting an alert that the persistent invitation to join the conference call has been received, wherein said presenting ~~an alert further comprises,:~~ presenting at least one visual alert from the group comprising a Graphical User Interface icon, a conference call Camp-On LED indicator, and a conference call Camp-On email message.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 25, further comprising: presenting an alert that the persistent invitation to join the conference call has been received, wherein said presenting ~~an alert further comprises,:~~ presenting an auditory alert selected from the group comprising a notification via a network station speaker, a voice-mail conference call Camp-On message, or a conference call Camp-On pager notification.

29. **(Currently Amended)** The method of Claim 24, wherein said activating comprises: accepting the persistent invitation to join the conference call in response to user input to a network station client selected from the group comprising the initially unavailable network station client and another network station client where the user has been authenticated further includes:

accepting user input indicating that the persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call has been accepted; and
transmitting said a token to a multipoint controller as an indication that the persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call has been accepted.

30. **(Currently Amended)** The method of Claim 29, wherein the token further comprises ~~includes~~:

identification of a transmitting user as a valid participant in the ongoing conference call.

31. **(Canceled)**

32. **(Canceled)**

33. **(Currently Amended)** The method of Claim 29, wherein said transmitting comprises ~~a token to a multipoint controller as an indication that the invitation to join the conference call has been accepted~~ further includes:

retrieving the token from a cache.

34. **(Currently Amended)** The method of Claim 33, wherein said retrieving comprises ~~the token from a cache~~ further includes:

retrieving the token from a cache local to an invited network station client.

35. **(Currently Amended)** The method of Claim 33, wherein said retrieving comprises ~~the token from a cache~~ further includes:

retrieving the token from a cache local to a network server.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 24, further comprising
~~wherein said accepting the persistent invitation to join the conference call in response to~~
~~user input further includes:~~

withdrawing an ability to activate the token ~~accept the persistent invitation in~~
response to a notification that the conference call has terminated.

37. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 36, wherein said
withdrawing comprises ~~an ability to accept the persistent invitation in response to a~~
~~notification that the conference call has terminated further includes:~~

withdrawing a presented notice that the persistent invitation to join the conference
call has been extended.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently Amended) A system ~~for accepting an invitation to join an~~
~~ongoing conference call, said system comprising:~~

means for receiving at an initially unavailable network station client a persistent
invitation to join an ongoing conference call, wherein said means for
receiving comprises,

means for receiving a token indicative of a said persistent invitation to join
the ongoing conference call; ~~and~~

~~means for presenting an alert that the persistent invitation to join the~~
~~conference call has been received, in response to the token; and~~

means for activating the token ~~accepting the persistent invitation to join the~~
~~conference call~~ in response to user input to a network station client
selected from the group comprising the initially unavailable network
station client and another network station client; and where the user has
been authenticated

means for adding the network station client to the ongoing conference call in
response to an activation of said token.

40. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 39, wherein said ~~means for receiving a token indicative of a persistent invitation to join the conference call~~ comprises:

~~means for receiving a token indicative of a persistent invitation to join the conference call, the token having~~ at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.

41. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 40, wherein said ~~means for receiving a token~~ comprises indicative of a persistent invitation to join the conference call, the token having at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field further includes:

~~means for receiving a reference used to retrieve state data where such state data~~ functions as at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.

42. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 40, further comprising: means for presenting an alert that the persistent invitation to join the conference call has been received wherein said means for presenting ~~an alert further~~ comprises:

means for presenting at least one visual alert from the group comprising a Graphical User Interface icon, a conference call Camp-On LED indicator, and a conference call Camp-On email message.

43. **(Currently Amended)** The system of Claim 40, further comprising:
means for presenting an alert that the persistent invitation to join the conference
call has been received wherein said means for presenting ~~an alert further~~
comprises:

means for presenting an auditory alert selected from the group comprising
a notification via a network station speaker, a voice-mail
conference call Camp-On message, or a conference call Camp-On
pager notification.

44. **(Currently Amended)** The system of Claim 39, wherein said means for
activating comprises:~~accepting the persistent invitation to join the conference call in~~
~~response to user input to a network station client selected from the group comprising the~~
~~initially unavailable network station client and another network station client where the~~
~~user has been authenticated further includes:~~

means for accepting user input indicating that the persistent invitation to join the
ongoing conference call has been accepted; and

means for transmitting a said token to a multipoint controller as an indication that
the persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call has been
accepted.

45. **(Currently Amended)** The system of Claim 44, wherein the token further
comprises includes:

identification of a transmitting user as a valid participant in the ongoing
conference call.

46. **(Canceled)**

47. **(Canceled)**

48. **(Currently Amended)** The system of Claim 44, wherein said means for transmitting comprises a token to a multipoint controller as an indication that the invitation to join the conference call has been accepted further includes:

means for retrieving the token from a cache.

49. **(Currently Amended)** The system of Claim 48, wherein said means for retrieving comprises the token from a cache further includes:

means for retrieving the token from a cache local to an invited network station client.

50. **(Currently Amended)** The system of Claim 48, wherein said means for retrieving comprises the token from a cache further includes:

means for retrieving the token from a cache local to a network server.

51. **(Currently Amended)** The system of Claim 39, further comprising: wherein said means for accepting the persistent invitation to join the conference call in response to user input further includes:

means for withdrawing an ability to activate the token accept the persistent invitation in response to a notification that the conference call has terminated.

52. **(Currently Amended)** The system of Claim 51, wherein said means for withdrawing comprises an ability to accept the persistent invitation in response to a notification that the conference call has terminated further includes:

means for withdrawing a presented notice that the persistent invitation to join the conference call has been extended.

53. **(Canceled)**

54. **(Currently Amended)** The system of Claim 39, further comprising:
signal bearing media bearing
said means for receiving at said ~~an~~ initially unavailable network station client a
said persistent invitation to join a said ongoing conference call, and
said means for activating the token ~~accepting the persistent invitation to join the~~
~~conference call in response to user input to a network station client~~
~~selected from the group comprising the initially unavailable network~~
~~station client and another network station client where the user has been~~
authenticated.

55. **(Original)** The system of Claim 54, wherein said signal bearing media
further includes:
recordable media.

56. **(Original)** The system of Claim 54, wherein said signal bearing media
further includes:
transmission media.